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SUBJECT: TRIESTE

1. PRESS TODAY PUBLISHED TEXT OF YUGOSLAV NOTE ON TRIESTE ISSUE WHICH DEPUTY FOREIGN SECRETARY PETRIC HANDED ITALIAN AMBASSADOR MACCOTTA MAY 15. (TEXT OF ITALIAN NOTE OF APRIL 16 ALSO PUBLISHED.) NOTE REFERS TO ITALIAN NOTE AS "UNACCEPTABLE", SINCE IT IGNORES "BASIC SOURCE OF CRISIS" (I.E., ITALIANS' MARCH 11 ASSERTION THAT "INTEGRAL PARTS OF SFRY ARE ITALIAN TERRITORY"), CONTAINS "UNFOUNDED LEGAL CONSTRUCTIONS", AND IS ATTEMPT AT "GROSS INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SFRY AND AN ATTACK ON ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY". NOTE STATES THAT DEFINITIVE YUGOSLAV-ITALIAN BOUNDARIES WERE FIXED BY THE JOINT YUGOSLAV-ITALIAN BOUNDARY COMMISSION IN 1957 ON BASIS OF 1954 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, -AND "THIS CANNOT BE THE SUBJECT OF ANY NEGOTIATIONS WHATSOEVER".

2. NOTE TRACES STEPS TAKEN FROM TIME OF ITALIAN PEACE TREATY, BUT WHICH "ITALIAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ENTIRE TERRITORY OF THE FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE EXPLICITLY CEASED", TO THE POINT IN 1957 WHEN "NEW BOUNDARY" WAS

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JOINTLY MARKED IN THE FIELD WITH STONE MARKERS WITH "FNR

YUGOSLAVIA" ON ONE SIDE AND "REPUBLIC OF ITALY" ON THE OTHER. NOTE CLOSES WITH STATEMENT ON FAVORING DEVELOPMENT OF GOOD-NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS WHICH CAN, HOWEVER, DEVELOP ONLY ON FOUNDATIONS MUTUAL RESPECT FOR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY.

3. COMMENT: EDITORIAL COMMENT PROTESTING ITALIAN STAND CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE, ALTHOUGH WE DOUBT THAT "SPONTANEOUS" PUBLIC PROTESTS AND RALLIES WILL BE AT SAME LEVEL AS LAST MONTH, AT LEAST FOR PRESENT. ITALIANS HERE HAVE HINTED THAT PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE COULD BE MADE ONCE THE REFERENDUM ON THE DIVORCE LAW OVER. NOW THAT IT IS, WE EXPECT YUGOSLAVS WILL INCREASE PRESSURE FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT.  
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